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In re patent application of Sarkis Barret KALINDJIAN et al.

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For: HISTAMINE H<sub>3</sub> RECEPTOR LIGANDS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

2. (Amended) [A] The compound [according to] of claim 1, wherein  $R^2$  is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl, wherein alkyl moieties are optionally substituted by halo, and aryl groups are optionally substituted by  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkyl,  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkoxy or halo.

3. (Amended) [A] The compound [according to] of claim 1, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, halophenyl, benzyl, halobenzyl, phenylethyl, halophenylethyl, phenylpropyl, halophenylpropyl, phenylbutyl, halophenylbutyl, tolyl, methoxybenzyl, trifluoromethylbenzyl, halo-methoxybenzyl, phenylbenzyl, adamantanemethyl, adamantaneethyl, adamantanepropyl, cyclohexanemethyl, cyclohexaneethyl, and naphthyl.

4. (Amended) [A] The compound [according to any of claims 1 to 3] of claim 1, wherein x is 0.

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